



BEARFACTS 1997 – 2007

Chester , South Carolina [45023]

Chester is one of 46 counties in South Carolina. It is part of the Chester, SC Micropolitan SA. Its 2007 population of 32,574 ranked 31st in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 Chester had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$26,488. This PCPI ranked 25th in the state and was 85 percent of the state average, \$31,103, and 69 percent of the national average, \$38,615. The 2007 PCPI reflected an increase of 1.0 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 3.5 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. In 1997 the PCPI of Chester was \$17,352 and ranked 32nd in the state. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 Chester had a total personal income (TPI) of \$862,834*. This TPI ranked 28th in the state and accounted for 0.6 percent of the state total. In 1997 the TPI of Chester was \$573,028* and ranked 28th in the state. The 2007 TPI reflected an increase of 0.8 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 5.5 percent and the national change was 6.0 percent. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.4 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Chester. In 2007 net earnings accounted for 65.0 percent of TPI (compared with 64.6 in 1997); dividends, interest, and rent were 8.7 percent (compared with 13.6 in 1997); and personal current transfer receipts were 26.3 percent (compared with 21.8 in 1997). From 2006 to 2007 net earnings decreased 1.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 4.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.6 percent. From 1997 to 2007 net earnings increased on average 4.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.2 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Chester decreased from \$559,424* in 2006 to \$525,009* in 2007, a decrease of 6.2 percent. The 2006-2007 state change was 4.3 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1997 estimate of \$384,422* to the 2007 estimate was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.1 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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